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In re Application of:

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Serial Number: 09/933,708

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For: ACTIVE AGENT DELIVERY SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR PROTECTING  
AND ADMINISTERING ACTIVE AGENTS

Petition to Expunge Under 37 C.F.R. 1.59(b)

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.59(b) Applicants request the Information Disclosure Statement filed on March 25, 2003 and material contained therein be expunged from the record and returned to Applicants. Given the timeliness of this request, less than three weeks from the filing (17 days), Applicants believe the United States Patent Office can effect such a return prior to the issuance of any patent on the application. Applicants' Information Disclosure Statement inadvertently included information with propriety material which has not otherwise been made public and failure to obtain its return would cause irreparable harm to the party who submitted the information on whose behalf the information was submitted. Petitioners will retain such information for the period of any patent with regard to which such information was submitted. The petition to expunge is being submitted on the behalf of the party of interest who originally submitted the information. The fee set forth under 37. C.F.R. 1.17(h) of \$130.00 for a petition under 37 C.F.R. 1.59(b) is enclosed herein.

To meet any requirements regarding the information and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants will submit a redacted copy of the Information Disclosure Statement which will remove the propriety information. A copy of the PTO/SB/08A reflecting the information which Applicants request expunged in the above-captioned application is attached along with the date stamped postcard showing the submission date of March 26, 2003.

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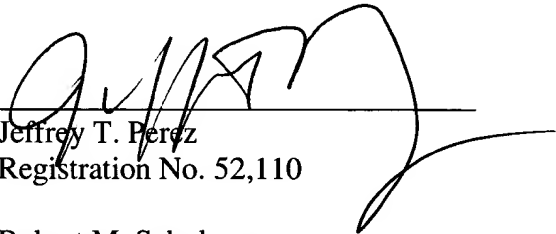
Therefore, it is respectfully requested the Information Disclosure Statement be expunged and returned to Applicants. It is believed no fee other than the enclosed petition fee is required for this petition. However, in the event any fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-0206.

Respectfully submitted,

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